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COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI: 20 - 25 OCTOBER 1966

SUBJECT: VIET CONG USE OF THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR
FOR PROPAGANDA MEETINGS WITH MONTAGNARDS IN QUANG
NGAI PROVINCE.

ACQ: VIETNAM, DANANG (23 DECEMBER 1966)

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. BETWEEN 20 AND 25 OCTOBER 1966 THE VIET CONG (VC) FORCED
THREE AMERICAN POW'S TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPAGANDA MEETINGS WITH
MONTAGNARDS AT THE FOLLOWING THREE HAMLETS IN SON HA DISTRICT,
QUANG NGAI PROVINCE:

- A. SON TAY HAMLET (BS 309.673), HA THANH VILLAGE
- B. GI LANG HAMLET (BS 281.649), HA THAY VILLAGE
- C. NUOC NIA HAMLET (BS 460.625), HA THACH VILLAGE

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2. THE AMERICANS WERE MADE TO SPEAK WITH THE MONTAGNARDS AND THEIR STATEMENTS WERE FALSELY TRANSLATED IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA: FOR EXAMPLE, "FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE COMMUNISTS, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE THREE AMERICANS VISITING THE MONTAGNARDS IS TO CALL UPON THEM TO OPPOSE CAPITALIST AMERICANS IN VIETNAM."

3. THE THREE AMERICANS, WHO HAD A SICKLY WHITE COMPLEXION AND WORE RUBBER SANDALS MADE FROM OLD TIRES, WERE THEN RETURNED TO A VC DETENTION CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN POW'S IN THE MOUNTAIN AREA (PS445.572), HA CHAU VILLAGE, SON HA DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE USAID JUSPAO USMACV USARV NAVFORV 7TH AIR FORCE DIST 52/OSI 525TH MIG III MAF CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT.

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